



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 — 1:00 P.M.

Committee Members

Michael J. Gallagher, Chair | Dist. 5
Patrick Kelly, Vice Chair | Dist. 1
Yvonne M. Conwell | Dist. 7
Sunny M. Simon | Dist. 11
Meredith M. Turner | Dist. 9

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Gallagher asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Gallagher, Kelly, Conwell and Simon were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Turner was absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 28, 2026 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Kelly and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2026 meeting.

5. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0242: A Resolution amending the award made pursuant to Resolution No. R2026-0121 for a total sum, not to exceed \$25,000, to the Cleveland Play House for the CARE at the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Project from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund, to amend the project scope and timeline; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Peter Ogbuji, Associate Director of Education of In-School Programming for Cleveland Play House; and Ms. Ines Joris, Head of Family Engagement for Cleveland Play House, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0242. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Ogbuji and Ms. Joris pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2026-0242 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2026-0257: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 6329 (fka Contract Nos. 5654 and 4907) with Applewood Centers, Inc. for program administration of a youth residential treatment Program known as the Cognitive Behavioral Treatment Center (CBTC), for the period 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2026, to extend the time period to 6/30/2027, to amend various terms, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$795,462.75, effective 7/1/2026, authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Jennifer Howard, Business Manager for Juvenile Court; and Mr. Thomas Pipken, Director of Program Development for Juvenile Court, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0257. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Howard and Mr. Pipken pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Kelly, Resolution No. R2026-0257 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- c) R2026-0258: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 5976 (fka Contract No. 1399) with Thales DIS USA, Inc. for hardware and software maintenance and support services for the Automated Fingerprint Identification System for the period 1/1/2021 –12/31/2025 to extend the time period to 12/31/2027, to amend various terms, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$773,036.54, effective 1/1/2026; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

There was no legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2026-0258.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 1:18 p.m., without objection.